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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIA Electronic Intercept Program

REFERENCE: Staff Study for AD/CO, AD/SI, C/FM and C/FI from
Chairman, ELINT "ad hoc" Working Group, dated
16 April 1954, subject, "Survey of CIA ELINT
Activities and Capabilities" (TS-93194)

1. In October 1953, the DDP and DDI established an "ad hoc" working group consisting of senior representatives of their offices to review and assess CIA ELINT activities and capabilities and to recommend terms of reference for a permanent intra-Agency ELINT planning and programming element. This group, under the Chairmanship of DDP/FI, first met on 9 November 1953 and has convened at regular intervals since that time. This group has completed its task, the results of which are contained in a Staff Study to the AD/SI (DDI), C/FI and C/FM (DDP), and the AD/CO, which is attached (TAB A).

2. The Staff Study submitted by the group has been reviewed carefully by these individuals who concur fully with its substantive contents. As a result of this review the following recommendations are submitted for your approval as a basis for the development of an over-all Agency ELINT program which will be consonant with action now being taken by the Office of the Secretary of Defense on the USCIB/NSC level:

a. That the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence be designated by the DCI as the staff officer responsible for: The review on a continuing basis of CIA responsibilities, capabilities and potential in the ELINT field; the re-appraisal of CIA ELINT policy and the formulation of such new policies or modifications of existing policy as may be required; the provision to appropriate CIA operating elements of over-all guidance on ELINT activities and the general review and reporting of action taken by the operating elements in implementation of such plans and programs, working with AD/CI on the meshing of ELINT policy and operations into those of COMINT; the conduct of liaison (working with the AD/CI and the Secretariat, USCIB) with organizations outside CIA on ELINT policy, planning and programming matters.

b. That the elements of the DDI, DDP and the Office of Central Cables, which have responsibilities for plans and programs in their regions, which have responsibilities for plans and programs in their respective areas of interest, be charged with the development of such ELINT plans and programs under the general coordination of the AD/SI.

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c. That a permanent intra-Agency advisory committee to the AD/SI be established with representatives from the offices concerned, consisting of AD/SI and AD/CI (DD/I), C/PY and C/PM (DD/P), and AD/CO, to provide the necessary liaison channels for coordination and for effective development of integrated Agency programming in this field, consistent with programs of the Department of Defense as brought together under USCIB. That the present "ad hoc" ELINT working group be authorized to function on an interim basis, pending approval and implementation of the above recommendations, as the advisory committee to the AD/SI.

d. That the DDI (AD/SI), with the concurrence of the DDP and AD/CO, be authorized to create a permanent OSI ELINT Staff to assist in the discharge of his responsibilities if future developments in the over-all U.S. Government ELINT program justify such action. That the AD/CO, with the concurrence of the DDP and DDI (AD/SI), be authorized to establish an activity responsible for technical support of CIA ELINT field operations; to engage in such ELINT field operations as may be appropriate; and to conduct such research and development as may be required to execute those responsibilities.

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/s/ Robert Amory, Jr.
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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Assistant Director, Operations

/s/ C. P. Cabell
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Date May 29 1954

Attachment: Staff Study (TS 9094)

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